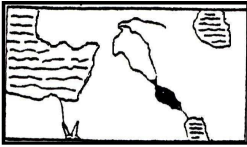


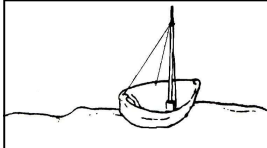
## Questions to Ask About a Culture

### 1. Geography



- Valley between Tigris and Euphrates rivers
- Mesopotamia = “between the rivers” (Greek)
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### 2. Economics



- Lacked many natural resource (Timber, Stone Minerals)
- Fertile land for crops

### 3. Religion and Philosophy



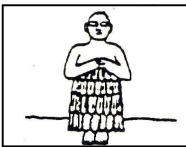
- Worshipped 300 deities
- Believed there was a deity for every thing natural and they ruled the daily Sumerian life
- Built Ziggurats to worship deities

### 4. Knowledge, Education, and the Arts



- Only boys went to school
- Studied arithmetic, reading, writing, and religion
- School lasted 24 days a month

### 5. Political Science



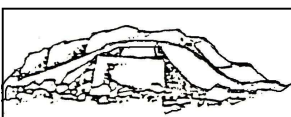
- Settled into city-states (own rules & government)
- Uruk was the most powerful city-state
- Strong city-states conquered and controlled weaker governments

### 6. Sociology



- Men: head of household
- Women: had some rights
- Slaves: were treated fairly

### 7. History



- Referred to as “cradle of civilization”
- 1st know civilizations found here
- Country followed pattern of settlement and conquest